

Search and Rescue Corpsman



HM NEC 8401

Overview...

- The following is meant as a basic overview of the application process and serves as a ready reference to help you in your application process to becoming a SAR Corpsman.



“What do they do...”

- U.S. Navy Search and Rescue Medical Technicians (SAR Corpsmen) perform a multitude of aircrew functions and emergency medical care in support of Navy and Marine Corps search and rescue missions.
- These Aircrewmen are National Registered Emergency Medical Technicians who are qualified in triage, IV therapy, advanced airway management, use of emergency medical equipment, patient handling and specifically; high angle and mountainous terrain aeromedical evacuation techniques.
- If you are an active duty Hospital Corpsman and are interested in becoming a SAR Corpsman, contact your Command Career Counselor, the nearest command representative located in the World Wide Locator at www.sarcorpsman.com or email the HM NEC 8401 Enlisted Technical Leader, HMC(SW/NAC) Scott Adams for more information.

“How tough is it?”



- The job of a SAR Corpsman can be very demanding. It can be very rewarding both professionally and personally.



- Becoming a SAR Corpsman is not an easy task, it is physically and mentally challenging, usually set in extremely harsh or stressful environments and situations.



Prerequisites for Naval Aircrew Candidate School (NACCS)

- Course Identification Number: Q-050-1500
- All personnel shall have a current flight physical and Aero-Medical Clearance Notice (NAVMED Form 6410/2) approving participation in training.
- All students must be a Navy 2nd class swimmer or better.
- All students must pass the standard Navy PFA with a SAT-Medium or better in all categories according to age and gender.
- No NJP or Court Martial in the last 24 months.
- Must have a 3.6 or higher performance average.
- Must volunteer to fly (service record entry).



Course specifics...

- Planned: 19 Training days Current: 19 Training days
- Training Site:
Naval Aviation Schools Command Pensacola Florida
- Security Clearance Required: None
- Obligated Service: In accordance with MILPERSMAN
- NEC/MOS Earned: USN 8201

“What specifically goes in my 8401 Package?”

- A complete Naval Aircrew Candidate Physical Examination in accordance the Manual of the Medical Department. Maximum age is 31 (Waivers considered). Original physical gets mailed to NOMI/BUMED for endorsement, but maintain a copy for your "C" school package when completed.
- Copies of pages 3, 4, 5 and 9 of your service record as well as any security clearance paperwork (if available).
- A copy of your current EMT-Basic (minimum level) certification. You must be a **CURRENT** Nationally Registered EMT.
- Copy of Second Class Swimmer certification. To find the nearest testing facility, see the locator page at www.sarcorpsman.com and contact the representative of a command near you. To see how the test is conducted, go to www.sarcorpsman.com/swimqual.pdf
- Must be in EXCELLENT physical condition! See OPNAVINST 3130.6 series for exact physical fitness requirements after you graduate Naval Aircrew Candidate School.

“I’m convinced, now what...”

- Complete and compile the above information and complete a NAVPERS form 1306 with your Command Career Counselor.
- Mail your package to the HM "C" School Detailer. Once approved, the 1306 will be mailed back to your command.
- Upon receipt of your approved 1306 to attend NACCS, contact the HM 8401 detailer at PERS 407CQ to negotiate your ultimate follow on orders.

“Just exactly what happens at NACCS?”

- To find out about the first phase of your training at Naval Aircrew Candidate School (NACCS) in Pensacola Florida go to:

<https://www.cnet.navy.mil/nascweb/naccs/naccs.htm>

The following pages provide a basic overview of the what you can expect to experience at Naval Aircrew Candidate School (NACCS)...





The mission of Naval Aircrew Candidate School (NACCS) is to provide the foundation for all follow-on training in Naval and Marine Corp aviation for enlisted aircrew personnel.

Graduates of NACCS receive follow-on orders to any of the aviation "A" schools (located here at NAS Pensacola), the Aviation Rescue Swimmer School, or to the Fleet Replacement Squadrons for the particular type of rotary or fixed wing aircraft that the naval aircrewman flies.

Aircrew candidates shall be in top physical condition before reporting onboard Naval Aviation Schools Command. Prior to the commencement of training onboard NACCS, candidates will be within body fat standards and must have scored at least "Satisfactory - Marginal" or better on their transfer Navy Physical Fitness Assessment.

Additionally, candidates must be qualified as a Navy 2nd Class Swimmer. Only in this way will the candidates be prepared to participate in the rigorous aircrew training program.



During the first week onboard NACCS, the students will receive a flight physical conducted by the Naval Operational Medical Institute to determine if they are aeronautically adaptable for flight duties.

Likewise, during the first week, they will be expected to pass the **aircrew physical standards test - in** with a minimum score of "Satisfactory - Medium" in all the areas and a "In - Standards" swimming test.

Those students who do not meet the minimums are subject to being dropped from the aircrew program, and candidates received from the fleet can be returned to their previous commands.



During the remainder of the aircrew candidates training at NACCS, they will be exposed to numerous PT evolutions including: running, swimming, obstacle course, a timed one mile swim, as well as tests in every area.

They will also learn to use the basic water survival equipment and swim strokes both in the various training tanks and in the waters of Pensacola Bay.

The NACCS candidates shall maintain proper physical conditioning, be proficient in basic first aid and become CPR qualified, in preparation for their demanding career in Naval Aviation at sea and in the air.

“After NACCS, what happens next?”

- Upon graduation from NACCS, as a new Naval Aircrewman in Training (NEC 8201) you will report to your new duty station and be placed in an Under Instruction status.



- During this UI period, you will be trained in your specific type and model of aircraft for your crew position in accordance with the appropriate NATOPS. Additionally, if required, after you check in to your new command, you will attend Basic Helicopter Rigger School.



During the next 6 to 12 months you will be closely monitored and trained on how to complete a rescue using all available aircraft systems, equipment and medical gear.



You will receive intensive training in pre-hospital care and multi patient triage skills at essentially the EMT-I level. You will have up to 18 months to complete this initial training. For most commands, completion of all aircraft and medical training syllabi and completion of your initial check ride takes roughly 6 to 12 months.

Only after you have completed all of the above training requirements and are designated in writing as a Search and Rescue Corpsman by the Commanding Officer of the NAS/MCAS, are you eligible for any SRBs or other incentives for the NEC of 8401.



Show me the Money!

- Word of caution for new applicants Do not reenlist for HM8401 PRIOR to going to NACCS. If you do, you will NOT be eligible for any SRBs for HM8401 until you complete your entire enlistment.
- If you must obligate service (OBLISERVE), do so in the form of an 12-24 month extension.
- Talk to your Command Career Counselor or the SRB folks at BUPERS for your specific situation.

Finally...

- Finally, the training pipeline is no cake walk. You are required to learn many new things that are not medical related. Many individuals have difficulty balancing their time between the job at medical and the flight related duties. With perseverance, you will accomplish this goal!



Good Luck!



More questions?

- Email...HMC Scott Adams who serves as the BUMED Enlisted Technical Leader for the 8401 NEC at adamsst@hsl40.navy.mil or contact him on the SAR HM Web site...
- Web Site...www.sarcorpsman.com serves as the community web site with up to date information and applicable references.
- Detailers...p407cq@persnet.navy.mil is the 8401 detailer or contact p407ck@persnet.navy.mil who is the C-School detailer.



The End!